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Title: FEMALE ENGAGING SURFACE  
FASTENER HAVING A BACKING  
AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

Attorney Docket No.: YKK 3018

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- ☒ under 37 CFR 1.97(b), or  
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international application; or before mailing date of first office action on the  
merits; whichever occurs last)
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aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application  
and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

The relevance of the attached references is that this is the closest art of which Applicant is aware.

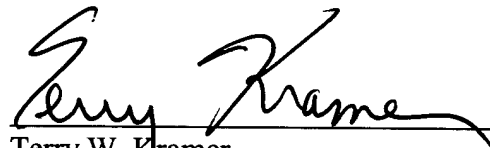
Applicant submits that the above references taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No.50-0578.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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